

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and, most likely, an example of self interest.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest (That is PUBLIC INTEREST!! not SELF SERVING INTEREST.) But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. In other words---what suits YOU, not the GERERAL PUBLIC--- Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. I choose not to watch or listen to such self serving interest or the TV stations that broadcast them.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.